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Nalco Docket No. 7773 Customer No. 49459

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 2, 2009 (the "Office Action"), please consider the following Amendment and Remarks.

Listing of Claims begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 6.